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LB 591

to start on LB 591?

CLERK: Yes, sir, we are.

PRESIDENT: Okay.

CLERK: Mr. President, 591 is the first bill on Select File. The first item I have are Enrollment and Review amendments.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, could you handle that for us, E & R?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I so move.

PRESIDENT: You've heard the motion. All in favor say aye. Opposed nay. They are adopted.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have nothing further on the bill.

PRESIDENT: Senator Schmit, would you like to talk about the advancement of the bill?

SENATOR SCHMIT: Yes, Mr. President, I would. LB 591, as you know, is the interstate simulcasting bill. We're trying to put it, as you know, on a fast track so that the benefits of that bill are available for the Kentucky Derby. There have been a number of horsemen from varying groups who have been trying to attach an amendment to this bill that would, in their opinion, adapt some of the problems that right now are involved with the definition of a Nebraska-bred horse. I've been trying to work with those groups for a long time. Other legislators have tried to work compromises. Senator Smith tried within the committee, Senator Elmer outside the committee. Others have also worked with it. We don't have agreement yet, but I'm not going to hold the bill up at this time. I want you to go ahead and advance it, but it does not mean that if Senator Owen Elmer or someone else, including Senator Smith or myself, can make some progress, that we might not try to add another amendment to it but at this time I move for the advancement of the bill.

PRESIDENT: Thank you. Senator Schellpeper, please.

SENATOR SCHELLPEPER: Thank you, Mr. President and members, I also rise to support the advancement of 591. It's very important to the racehorse industry that we get this bill moved and I just want to echo what Senator Schmit said. Thank you.